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BURLINGTON, ONT., Jan. 13th, 1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President, Toronto University,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir Falconer:

It has been suggested by the above committee that you be approached with a view to considering an article for this magazine, a copy of which is attached.

We would greatly appreciate this kind favour, as it would be a great help to us in the matter of our circulation, and also in interesting the men. An article, re "Further Education of the Returned Soldier" or of a kindred nature would be very much appreciated.

Trusting that I may be favoured with the honor of your reply and contribution,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. Clifford Thomas B.A.

S/Sgt.
EDITOR.

January 15th, 1919

Staff Sgt. R. F. Thomas,
Editor "Carry On",
Burlington, Ont.

Dear Sergeant Thomas:

I shall be glad to write a short article for you if you will wait a month for it. Until after the first week in February it is impossible for me to undertake any further work.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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BURLINGTON, ONT., January 20th, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, Toronto University,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert:

In reply to your letter of January 15th, allow me to thank you very sincerely for your kind offer, which I am delighted to accept. If I might have the manuscript by the 15th of February, it will suit me excellently.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

R. Clifford Thomas B.A.

Staff Sergeant.

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BURLINGTON, ONT., February 11, 1919.

TO: Sir Robert Falconer,
President, Toronto, University,
TORONTO, ONT.

Dear Sir Robert:

In keeping with your letter received some time ago, I am with your permission sending you this letter as a small reminder. I shall be very glad to receive your contribution at the earliest possible moment.

If you cannot manage it by the 15th of this month, I should feel very grateful if you would defer it until the 15th of the following month, as we are getting out a special issue in commemoration of the second battle of Ypres and are making a very special effort to get the very best number obtainable.

I am attaching herewith copy of the current monthly issue for your information and inspection. This magazine is to the present time compiled by the patients and staff at this Hospital. We should feel very much encouraged if we could be favoured with your contribution.

Thanking you in anticipation and for your previous kindness and courtesy,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

R. Clifford Thomas

S/Sgt. EDITOR.
"CARRY ON" Magazine.

Encl.

RT/ML.

February 12th, 1919

Sergeant R. Clifford Thomas,
Brant Military Hospital,
Burlington, Ont.

Dear Sergeant Thomas:

I am sending you a short article for "Carry On" which I hope may be of some interest to your readers. It is a bear outline of what the University is attempting to do in the way of instruction for returning men. I hope that it will reach you in time and that you and your readers will find something in it to interest you.

I am, with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

President.

The University of Toronto has been endeavouring to do its utmost to provide facilities whereby soldiers who have returned from active service may fit into their former work in the University as soon as possible. Already there are probably between two and three hundred returned men doing work at the University. These are divided among the different faculties. The largest number so far will be in the Faculty of Medicine, and this by reason of the regulations of the War Office which have been in force for at least two years, according to which all medical students who had at least reached the second year in their course would be allowed to return and complete their medical training. Those who returned under this condition were still under military supervision and were bound to go on active service immediately on graduation. Accordingly in Medicine there has been for two years a group of returned men some of whom had just arrived, others of whom were on the point of returning. In the other faculties, however, there were but a sprinkling of returned men who had been wounded so badly that they had received their discharge. The attendance of men in the Faculty of Arts had been cut down practically to those who were under age and those who had disabilities which prevented them from going on active service. In the Faculty of Applied Science the same conditions had reduced the numbers from 750 before the war to 150 last year. On the conclusion of the Armistice, however, matters changed rapidly, and at once men began to come into Arts and to Applied Science.

Of necessity there has been a good deal of dicciculty in making such arrangements for the men that they may get the best out of the present year, because already the classes had been at work for several weeks and would be ahead of those who joined them later. Also, our staff during the war had been greatly reduced and it was difficult to reduplicate instruction, but the work has been carried on. The Professors are doing much more than in ordinary years, and the classes are running in such a way as to give a fair degree of satisfaction to nearly everybody.

To meet the needs of those who had been unable to return until the end of January a new course was started in Applied Science to run for five months, and in Arts a new course will begin probably in March to run on well through the summer. This means a special staff, but it is hoped that many students will be able to complete their regular year by means of these extra classes and to be ready to take on the regular work of the higher year next autumn.

Moreover this, the University has begun preparatory classes for soldiers who left school before completing matriculation in order to prepare them to enter the University next autumn if possible. The work will be of matriculation standing and will be adapted to the requirements of each faculty, particular attention, for example, being given to Mathematics for those who are intending to take up engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science. English and the languages also will be taught. No work of this grade had ever been done in the University before, but it was recognised that many of our returned soldiers would be unwilling to return to school,

and if they are to be saved for a university training it is necessary for the Universities to give even the preparatory work themselves.

So far the classes have entered upon their work with great earnestness and we anticipate the best results. These times are so unusual that we must adapt ourselves to meet a special situation and we believe that in the long run our returning men will find that the training they will get at the University even in these changed conditions will fit them for the profession or career on which they hope to enter.

February 12th, 1918